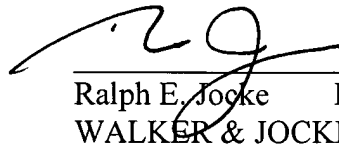


REMARKS

Allowed claims 1-27 remain pending. Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to correct typographical errors, employ consistent language, and/or improve readability. No new matter has been added. The amendment merely relates to formal matters without changing the desired scope of the claims. The amendment requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Thus, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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